

# ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE



## PROTECTING SOCIETY IS MORE THAN A CAREER—IT'S A CALLING

Understanding the criminal justice system can improve law enforcement response, enhance crime prevention efforts, and have a positive impact on our communities. This program helps you develop applied knowledge, technical skills, communication abilities, and general knowledge to pursue a wide range of entry-level positions in the field of criminal justice. Enhance your skills or get started on a rewarding career path in areas such as law enforcement, the courts, adult and juvenile corrections, public safety, corporate security, protective services or investigations, and more.<sup>1</sup>

Additional academy training and education not provided by Purdue Global may be required for law enforcement positions.

## WHY STUDY CRIMINAL JUSTICE AT PURDUE GLOBAL?

### ONLINE FLEXIBILITY FOR WORKING ADULTS

Earn your degree 100% online, on your schedule. You can also visit one of our regional locations to take advantage of local, onsite support and services.

### CREDIT FOR YOUR EXPERIENCE

Transfer up to 75% of your degree requirements for your military, academic, and work experience—including industry training and certifications.<sup>2</sup> Special transfer credit pathways are available for Army Combat Arms, Army and Marine Corps Military Police, and Coast Guard Maritime Enforcement Specialists occupations.<sup>3</sup>

### FACULTY EXPERTISE

Learn from experienced professionals with a variety of backgrounds in criminal justice, criminology, and public safety. All criminal justice professors possess an advanced degree and relevant industry credentials. Many are currently active in the field, so they understand the unique requirements and challenges of this line of work, and offer real-world perspectives you can respect.

### ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING

Work directly with faculty during online discussion boards and office hours, and enjoy no-cost individual tutoring. In addition, academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you balance school with your career and life responsibilities.

### AFFORDABLE TUITION

Lower the cost of your education through military discounts, employer reimbursement options, transfer credit, and more.<sup>4</sup> Our average associate's graduate saves 47% on tuition with credit for prior learning.<sup>5</sup>

### INTRODUCTORY TRIAL PERIOD

Make sure online learning at Purdue Global is right for you. Enroll in the University and try our classes for 3 weeks before you owe any tuition. That's the Purdue Global Commitment.<sup>6</sup>

### NATIONALLY RANKED AND RESPECTED

Purdue Global is part of the respected Purdue University system. One of the most prestigious research universities in the world, Purdue University is ranked in the top 10 best public universities in the U.S. by *The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education*.<sup>7</sup>

**Purdue Global is one of the largest providers of public safety programs in the United States.<sup>8</sup>**

## TAKE THE NEXT STEP IN YOUR CAREER AND YOUR EDUCATION

### PREPARE FOR A DIVERSE RANGE OF CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Be ready to take on roles in areas such as law enforcement, courts, adult and juvenile corrections, corporate security, public safety, loss prevention, private protective services or investigations, or community-based programs and services. In addition, you can choose from a wide pool of open electives to gain specialized knowledge in specific areas of criminal justice or in other subjects including legal studies, public administration, and information technology.

### GAIN THE CORE SKILLS THAT EMPLOYERS DEMAND

Develop the practical skills and technical competencies required by many law enforcement agencies and private security firms.

### BUILD A PATHWAY TO A BACHELOR'S OR MASTER'S DEGREE

Get a head start on a future degree. Once you earn your associate's degree, you can transfer it directly into your Purdue Global bachelor's.<sup>8</sup>

**Bachelor's Degree**  
in Criminal Justice



**Master's Degree** in Criminal  
Justice, Public Administration,  
Legal Studies, or Psychology

# CURRICULUM

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Through our comprehensive curriculum, you will acquire a comprehensive overview of the U.S. criminal justice system, including existing issues and challenges, and master the complexities of criminology, criminal investigation, criminal law, domestic and international terrorism, and counterterrorism. Courses are reviewed and revised continually by industry experts to ensure they reflect the most recent developments in the field.

## CORE COURSEWORK TOPICS INCLUDE:

- The criminal justice system
- Criminal investigation
- Criminal procedure
- Preparing for a public safety career

## CAPSTONE PROJECT

Demonstrate your ability to apply the critical thinking skills and concepts you study online to real-world criminal justice scenarios.

## PROGRAM DETAIL

**Credit Hours:** 90

**Completion Time:** 1–2 years (With transfer credit and other prior experience, the average completion time for Purdue Global associate's degree graduates in 2019-2020 was less than 19 months.)<sup>10</sup>

**Course Load:** 2 courses per term

**Terms:** 10 weeks long

**Start Dates:** Throughout the year

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## ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AND OFFERINGS

- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
- Master of Science in Criminal Justice
- Master of Science in Homeland Security and Emergency Management

## CERTIFICATES

- Crime Scene Technician Certificate
- Management and Supervision Certificate in Criminal Justice
- Private Security Certificate

## MICRO-CREDENTIALS

- Diversity
- Law Enforcement's Role in Society and Social Change
- Leading Law Enforcement Reform
- Social Problems, Prevention, and Crisis Intervention

Certificate program and micro-credential courses can transfer into our bachelor's degree program.



# CAREER AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

## INDUSTRY OUTLOOK<sup>11</sup>

- Employment of private detectives and investigators is expected to grow much faster than average from 2019 to 2029.
- Employment in the protective service field is also projected to grow, creating about 95,200 new jobs in the timeframe.
- Some federal agencies and police departments require college experience and a significant number of applicants for entry-level police jobs are college graduates.
- Heightened security concerns, the increased need to protect confidential information and property, and continued demand for public safety are likely to continue driving growth in this field.

## CAREER PATHWAYS AND OUTCOMES<sup>1</sup>

### Roles

- Police officer
- Patrol officer
- Private investigator
- Detective/criminal investigator
- Public safety officer
- Loss prevention manager

### Settings

- State and local government agencies and organizations
- Police departments (additional academy training usually required)
- Correction facilities (prisons and jails)
- Private detective agencies
- Department stores or general merchandise stores

## CAREER SERVICES

Our Criminal Justice Career Specialists connect students with job and networking opportunities and offers the following assistance:

- Career assessment/ exploration
- Resume and cover letter review
- Interview preparation/ mock interviews
- Portfolio development to showcase your skills
- Assistance in building an online presence
- Job search and networking support
- Virtual career fairs
- 24/7 online access to job openings and career development tools

## Purdue Global Public Safety Club

The Public Safety Club encourages networking and promotes employment opportunities, provides educational opportunities, and stimulates discussions related to the interests of the members.

## Accredited by The Higher Learning Commission

This accreditation covers all academic programs, all regional locations, and all programs provided via distance education. Contact the HLC at [HLCommission.org](http://HLCommission.org) or call 800-621-7440.

## Military Friendly

We offer reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, veterans, and spouses.

Contact an Admissions Advisor at **844-PURDUE-G** or visit **PurdueGlobal.edu**.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer, visit [Info.PurdueGlobal.edu](http://Info.PurdueGlobal.edu).

- 1 Local, state, and federal law enforcement jobs may require additional training or education beyond the associate's level. Some positions require a 4-year bachelor's degree and/or additional state-approved higher education beyond the Purdue Global degree. This program was not designed to meet any specific state's requirements, and Purdue Global makes no representations or warranties as to whether the degree or any individual courses meet such requirements. Refer to the University Catalog for additional information. Graduates of Purdue Global criminal justice programs are not eligible to attend police academies in Minnesota.
- 2 Purdue Global does not guarantee transferability of credit. See University Catalog for the Prior Learning Assessment policy.
- 3 Credit awards have service-level requirements. Exact transfer amount may vary depending on completed military courses and occupations as listed on your official Joint Services Transcript(s). Applicable state-specific program requirements, as listed in the University Catalog, may reduce the available transfer credits. All credits must be validated on official transcript(s) to be eligible for transfer.
- 4 May not be combined with other Purdue Global tuition reductions or ExcelTrack™ pricing.
- 5 Purdue Global online associate's degree students who graduated in the 2019–2020 academic year and entered their program with eligible prior learning (transfer, experiential, or credit by exam) credits saved an average of nearly \$16,000 toward the total degree. Campus tuition and prior learning credit savings vary by location. Savings based on overall cost of completion without prior learning credit. Calculation based on total prior learning credit times standard cost per credit in student's program of study. Individual savings will vary. Calculation includes campus and military students. Purdue Global does not guarantee transferability of credit. See University Catalog for the Prior Learning Assessment policy. Source: Office of Reporting and Analysis, October 2020. 2019–2020 academic year.
- 6 No financial obligation beyond the application fee. No credits are earned if the student withdraws during the introductory period (3 weeks for new qualifying undergraduate students), which begins day one of the first term. Students who choose to continue their studies at Purdue Global will need to meet specific requirements. Graduate programs not included. Additional terms may apply to international and non-U.S. citizen students. For further information, see the University Catalog.
- 7 Source: [www.timeshighereducation.com/student/best-universities/best-public-universities-united-states](http://www.timeshighereducation.com/student/best-universities/best-public-universities-united-states). Rankings apply to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.
- 8 Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), 2018–2019 Total Degrees and Certificates Conferred, First Major, Criminology; Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Related Protective Services, [nces.ed.gov/ipeds](http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds). Based on total number of degrees and certificates granted by Purdue Global compared to other Title IV institutions.
- 9 The University cannot guarantee that students will be granted admission to any future programs. Speak to an Advisor about transfer credit opportunities and see the University Catalog for the Prior Learning Assessment policy.
- 10 The average completion time for Purdue Global online associate's degree students who graduated in the 2019–2020 academic year was 1.7 years. Source: Purdue Global Office of Reporting and Analysis, July 2020.
- 11 Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Protective Service Occupations, Private Detectives and Investigators, and Police and Detectives. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.